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Identical letters dated 16 September 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

On the evening of Saturday, 15 September 2018, the occupying Israeli authorities once again attacked the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, in flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 350 (1974) concerning the Disengagement Agreement between the two parties, by firing missiles at Damascus International Airport and the area surrounding the Damascus International Fair. The heinous attack was carried out when the fairgrounds were at their most crowded, teeming with hundreds of thousands of civilians attending the fair. However, the Syrian air defence forces were able to shoot down most of the missiles, preventing a major massacre of civilians.

The occupying Israeli authorities' attempted attack on hundreds of thousands of visitors attending the Damascus International Fair provides incontrovertible proof that the Israeli practice of State terrorism has moved to a new level. No longer content merely to support armed terrorist groups and shield them from defeat, Israel is now deliberately violating the Disengagement of Forces Agreement and Security Council resolution 350 (1974), in addition to other Security Council resolutions and international instruments concerning counter-terrorism. The crimes, terrorism and killing of civilians perpetrated by Israel have come to rival those of the terrorist organizations Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and the so-called Nusrah Front.

The Syrian Arab Republic stresses that this dangerous and hostile behaviour on the part of Israel would not be continuing were it not for the limitless and ongoing support provided to Israel by the United States administration, and the immunity from accountability that the United States — along with the United Kingdom and France — grant Israel in the Security Council, which allows Israel to continue to practice terrorism and to threaten peace and security in the region and the world.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security. The Council must take resolute and immediate action to prevent the recurrence of Israeli aggression, and to hold Israel accountable for the acts of terrorism and crimes that it has committed against the Syrian people and for its ongoing support for terrorist organizations. Such conduct is in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international law

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and Security Council resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 350 (1974) and 497 (1981), as well as other counter-terrorism resolutions.

I should be grateful if this letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
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